

Read it yourself  
with Ladybird



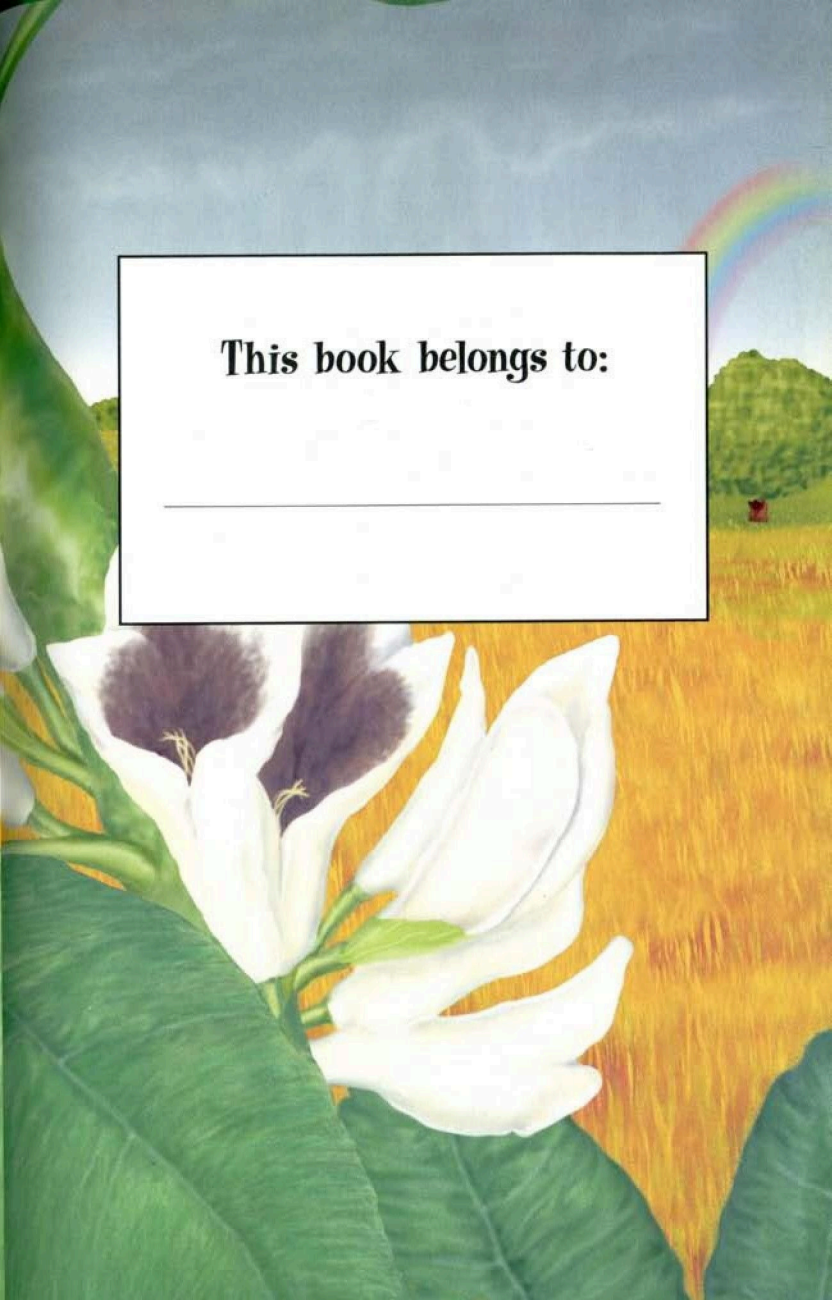
# Amazing Plants

LEVEL 2



Read, discover and learn



The background of the page is a vibrant, painterly illustration. In the foreground, a large, detailed white flower with dark purple or brown centers is in bloom, surrounded by large green leaves. Behind the flower, a golden-yellow field stretches towards a green tree on the right. A bright rainbow arches across a blue sky with soft white clouds in the upper right corner.

**This book belongs to:**

---

Published by Ladybird Books Ltd  
A Penguin Company  
Penguin Books Ltd, 80 Strand, London WC2R 0RL, UK  
Penguin Books Australia Ltd, Camberwell, Victoria, Australia  
Penguin Books (NZ) Ltd, Private Bag, 102902, NSMC, Auckland 10, New Zealand

3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4

© LADYBIRD BOOKS MMIV

LADYBIRD and the device of a Ladybird are trademarks of Ladybird Books Ltd

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced,  
stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means,  
electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise,  
without the prior consent of the copyright owner.

ISBN-13: 978-1-84422-283-4  
ISBN-10: 1-8442-2283-7

Printed in Italy

# Amazing Plants

written by Lorraine Horsley  
illustrated by Paul Cheshire






Here is a little seed in  
the ground.





The biggest  
seed in the  
world is the  
Coco de mer.  
It is as big as  
a football.





The seed needs warmth  
to help it grow.

A little root grows down  
in the ground.





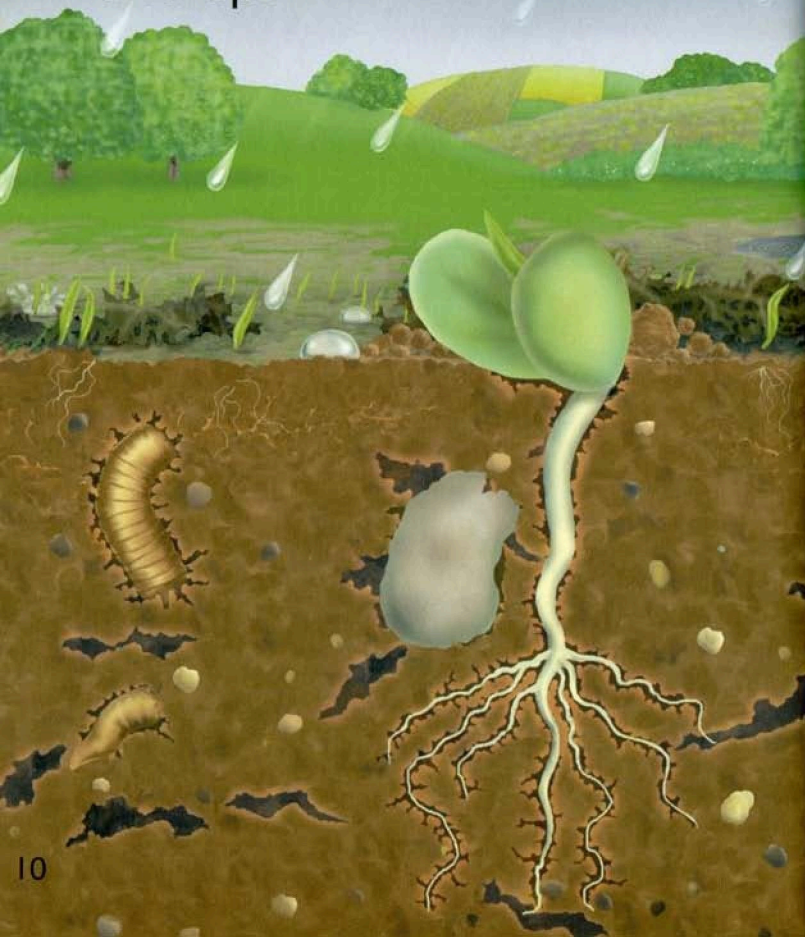


The roots of big  
trees stop the trees  
from falling over!



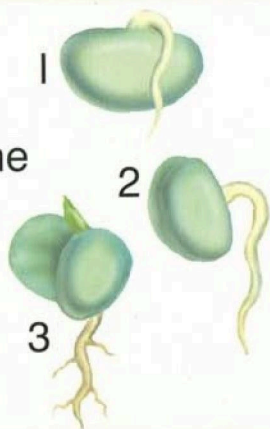
The seed needs water  
to help it grow.

A little shoot grows up  
and up.





Shoots always  
grow up even if the  
seed is planted  
upside down!





Here is the little plant with  
two green leaves.

The little plant grows up  
and up.







The fastest  
growing plant  
is Bamboo.  
It can grow  
one metre  
a day!



The plant needs sunlight  
to help it grow.

The sunlight helps the leaves  
to make food.



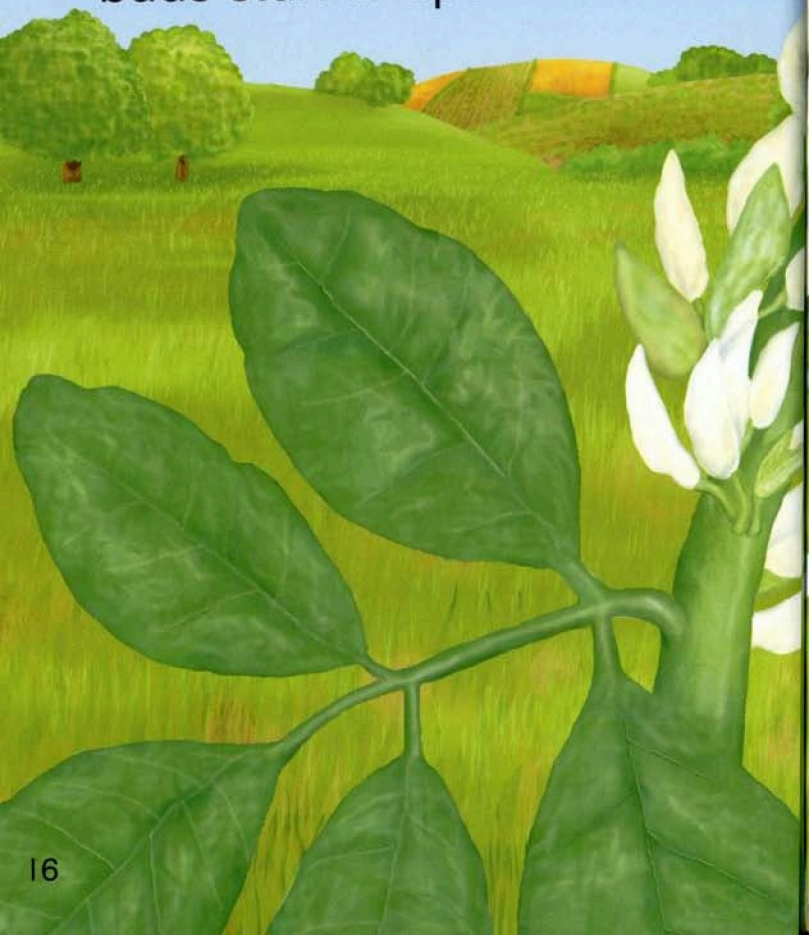


The leaves of the Giant Waterlily  
are as big as a paddling pool.





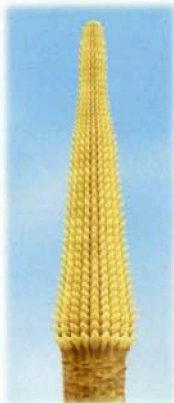
Here is the plant with little  
flower buds. The plant grows  
up and up and the flower  
buds start to open.







The slowest flowering plant in the world is the Puya Raimondii. It takes up to 150 years to flower!



Here is the plant with  
little white flowers.





The biggest flower in  
the world is the  
Rafflesia.

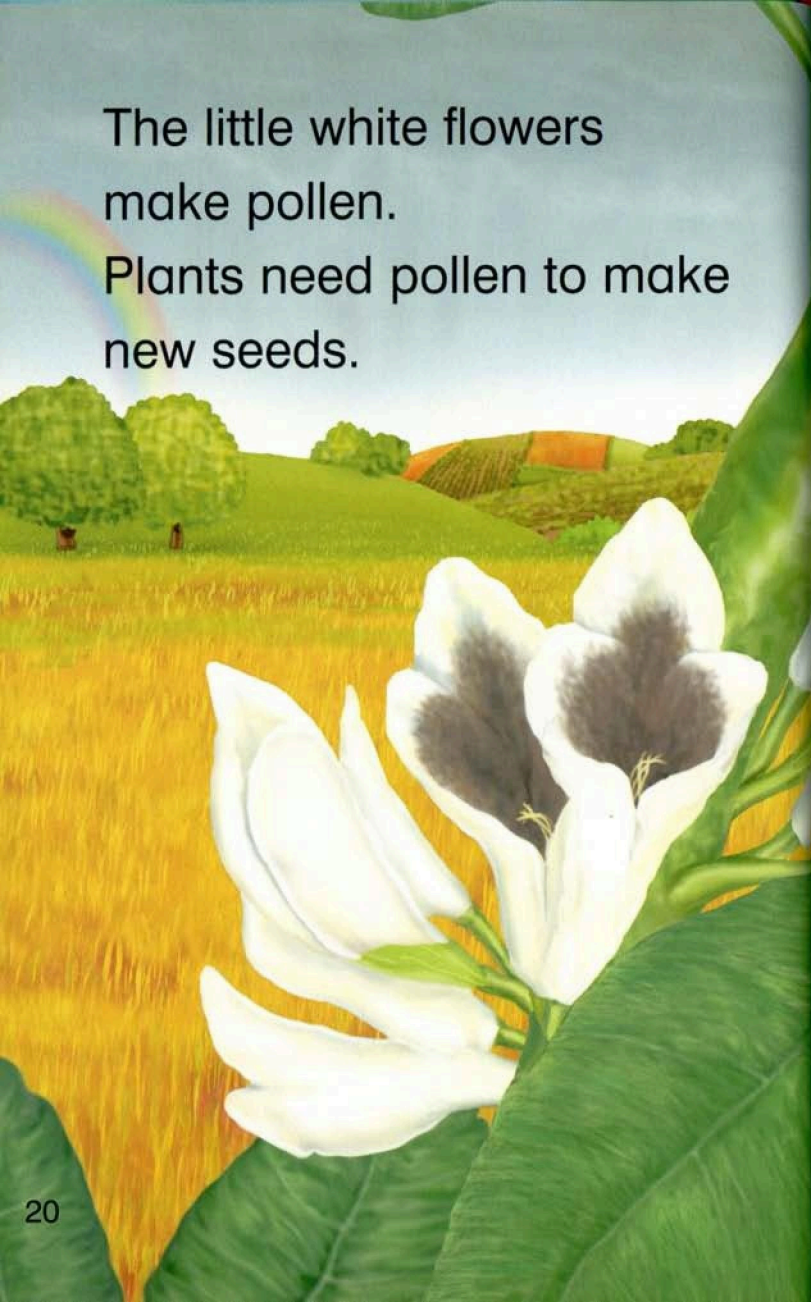
It is as big as  
a tractor wheel.





The little white flowers  
make pollen.

Plants need pollen to make  
new seeds.



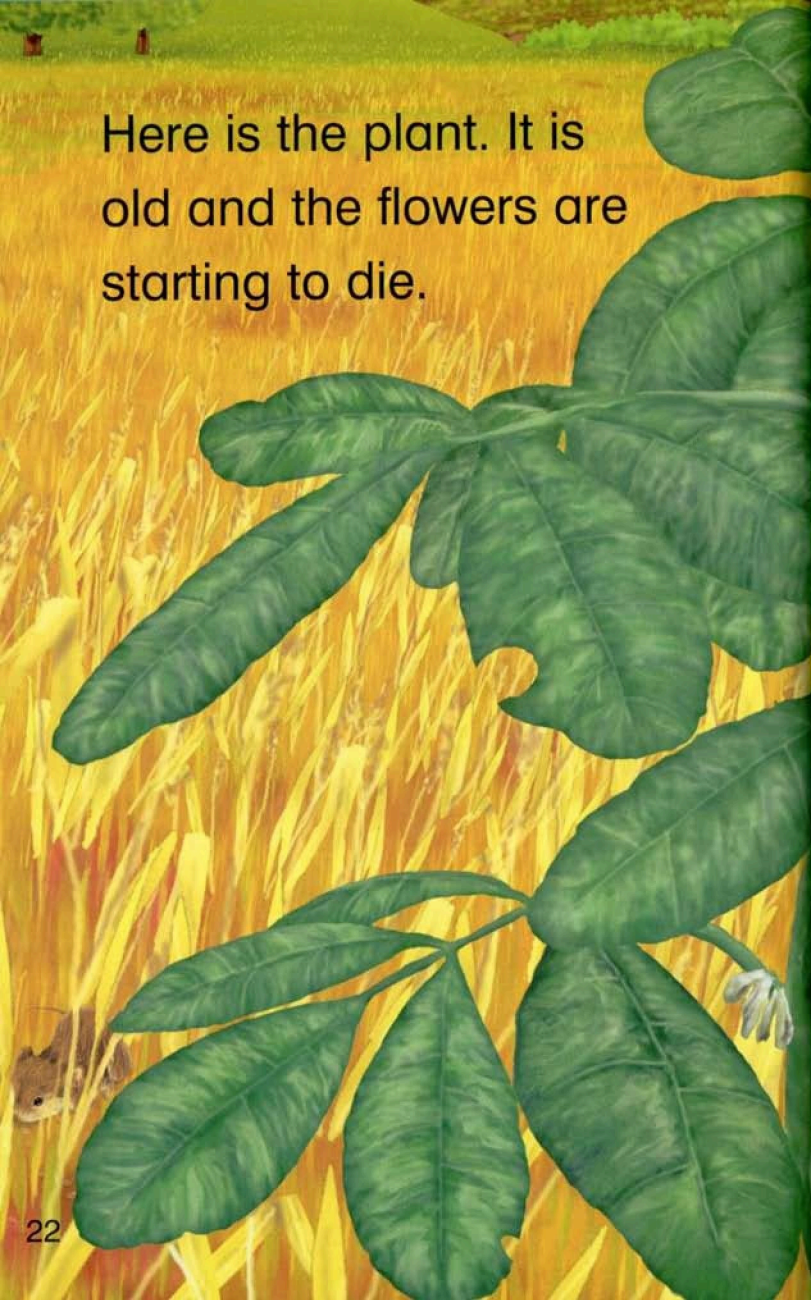


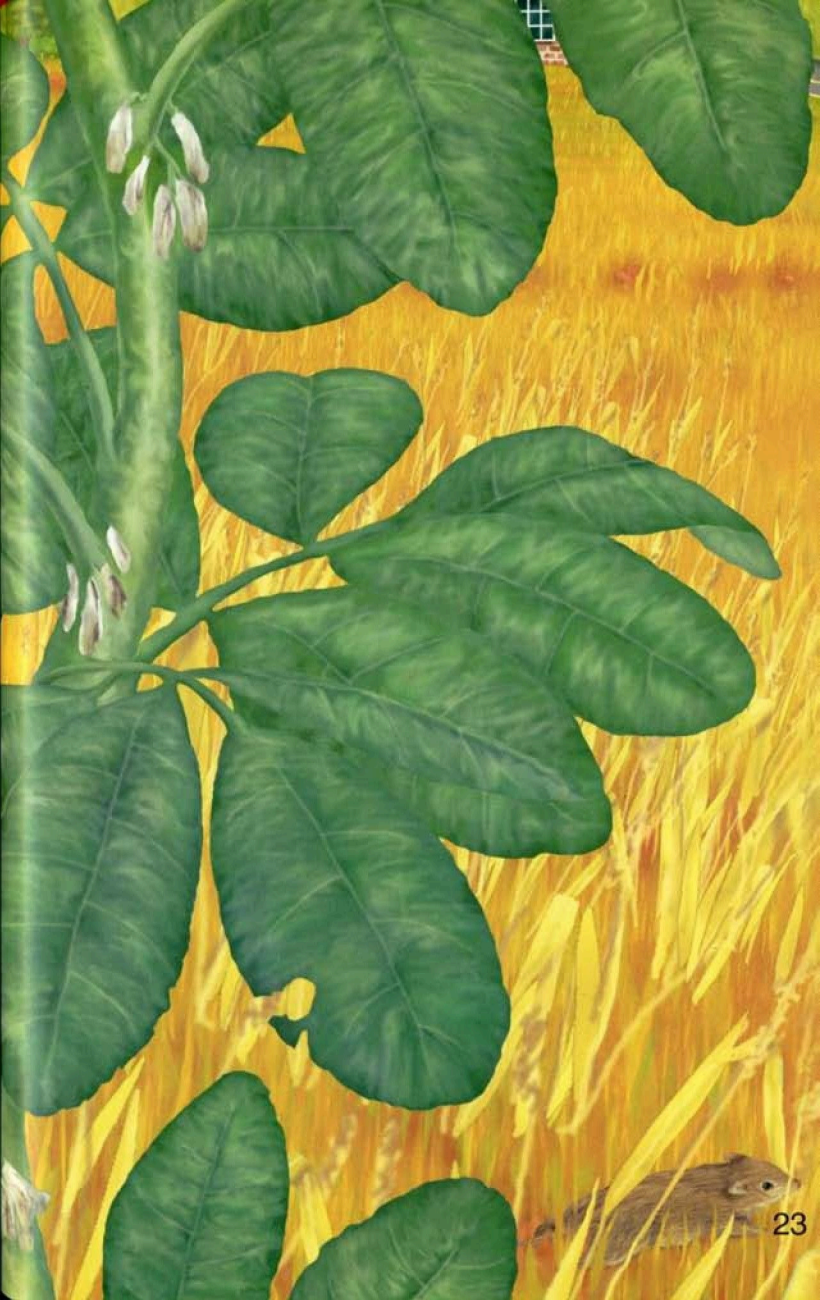


Pollen grains are  
so small that  
hundreds of them  
could sit on your  
little finger tip.



Here is the plant. It is  
old and the flowers are  
starting to die.



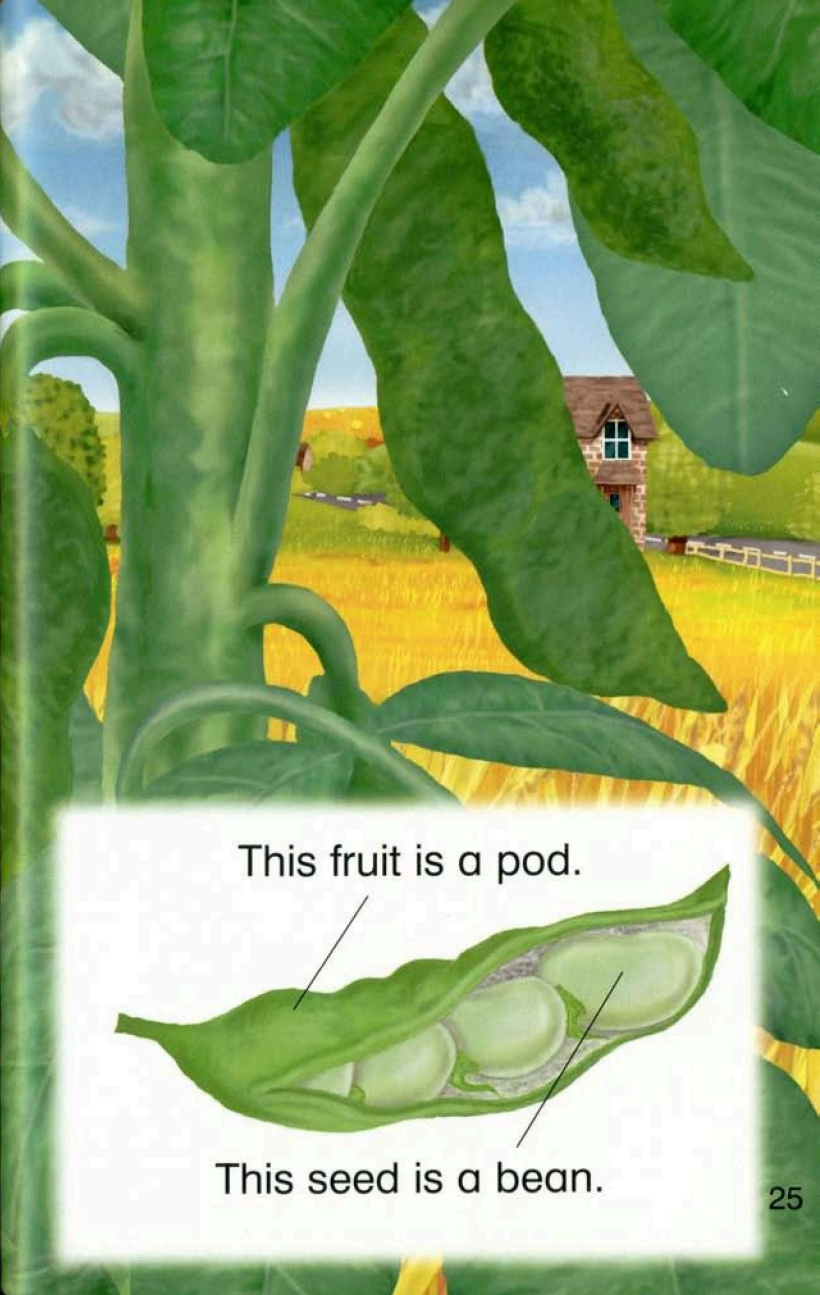






But fruit is starting to grow!  
Seeds grow inside the fruit.



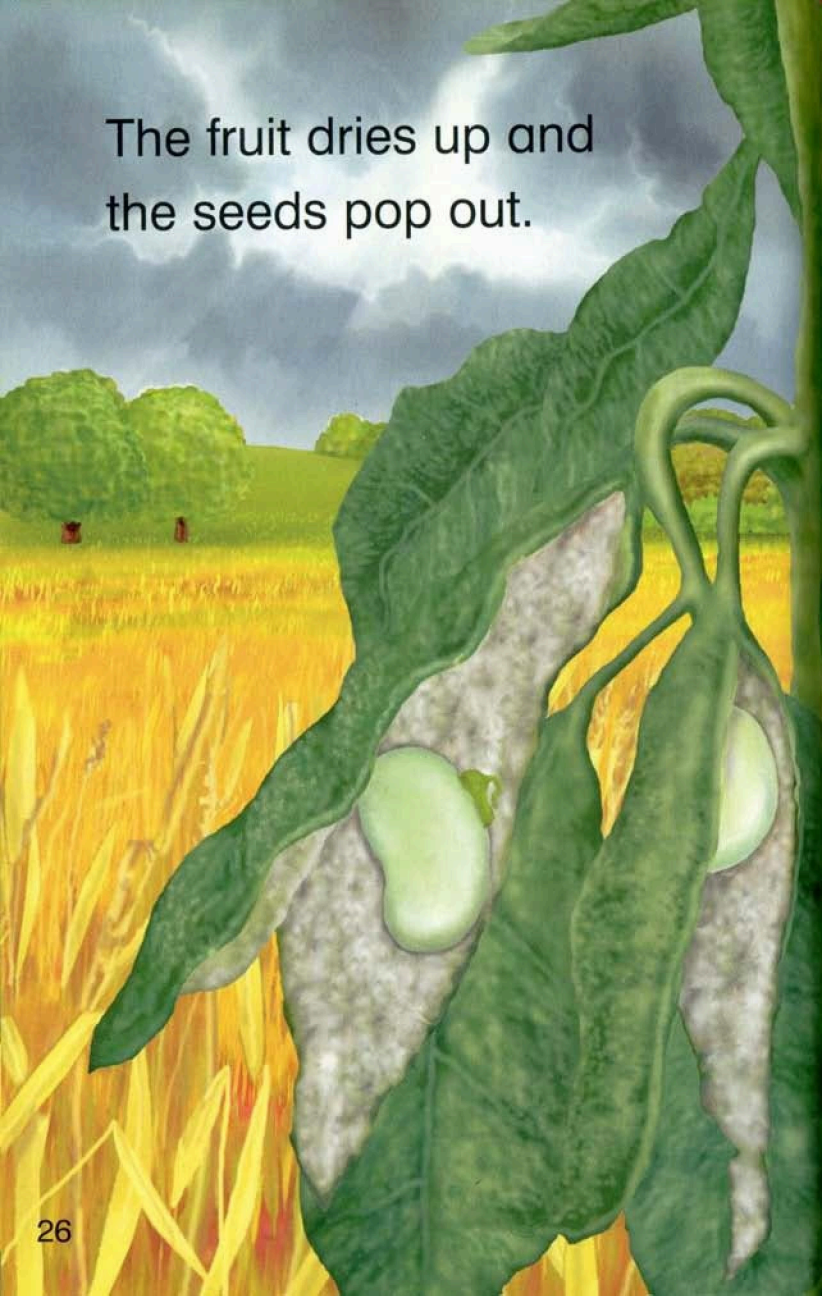


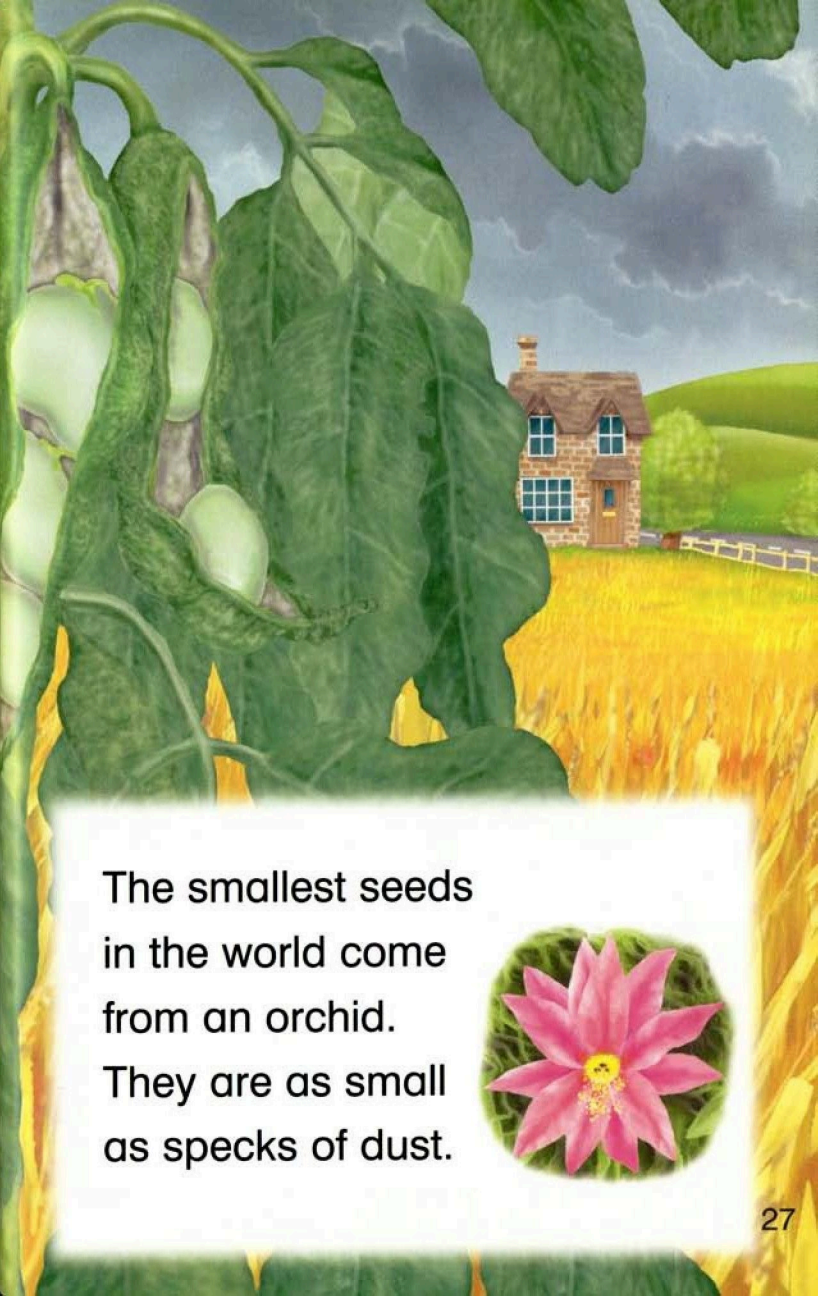
This fruit is a pod.



This seed is a bean.

The fruit dries up and  
the seeds pop out.



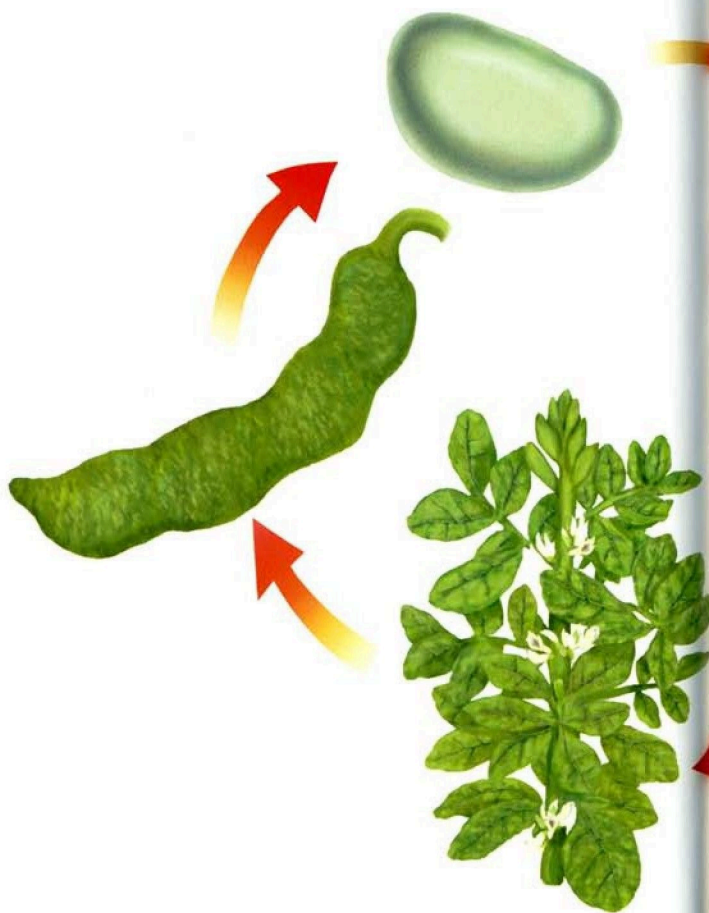


The smallest seeds  
in the world come  
from an orchid.  
They are as small  
as specks of dust.

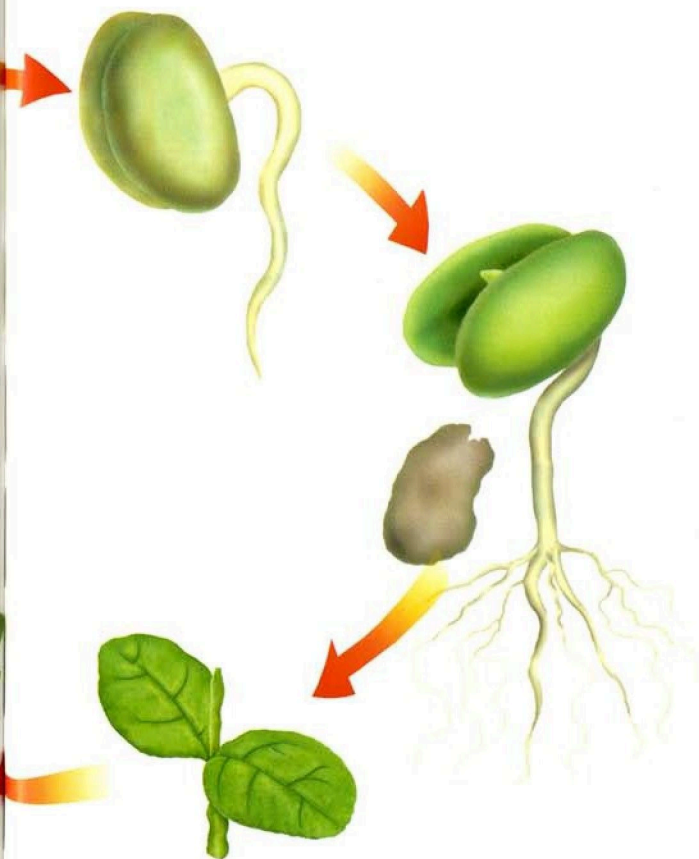




A little seed is in the  
ground.



Do you know what  
happens next?



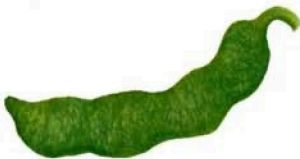
# Glossary



bud



flower



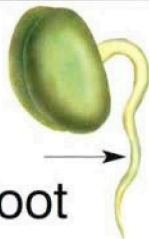
fruit



leaves



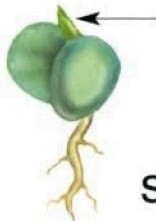
plant



root



seed



shoot



## **Notes for teachers and parents**

*Read It Yourself* is a series of graded readers designed to give young children a confident and successful start to reading.

*Level 2* is for children who are familiar with some simple words and can read short sentences. Each story in this level contains frequently repeated phrases which help children to read more fluently. An interesting and detailed illustration accompanies every page, which aids understanding of the text and encourages interest and enjoyment.

### **About this book**

- The opening pages introduce a little seed in the ground. What will happen next?
- Every page starts with a repetitive phrase to help beginner readers to start the sentence confidently.
- Some beginner readers who need more of a challenge can practise reading the fact boxes.
- The last spread shows the life cycle.  
Encourage beginner readers to talk about what they have learnt.
- A simple picture glossary can be found at the back of the book. We use a glossary to help us find the meaning of difficult words.

*Beginner readers need plenty of help and encouragement.*

# Read it yourself

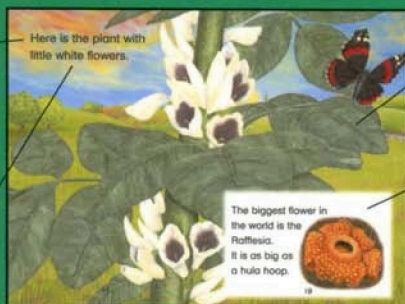
## LEVEL 2

for beginner readers who can read short simple sentences with help

- Interesting and familiar topics
- Carefully structured captions and labels
- Simple, repetitive sentence structures
- Fascinating and supportive illustrations

simple sentences

clear font size



clear illustrations

incredible facts to discover

Look out for more Read it yourself fact books and stories from levels 1 to 4!



**Helpline**

**0845 036 6600**

Call to find out how  
Ladybird books can help  
children's learning  
[www.ladybird.com](http://www.ladybird.com)



**Ladybird**

ISBN 1-8442-2283-7

Printed in Italy

**£2.50**



9 781844 222834